Entrepreneurship (ESP)

ESP 101. Entrepreneurship Foundations. (1)
This sprint course will provide a hands-on approach to understanding entrepreneurship in start-up, social, and corporate settings.
The course will analyze and investigate the current trends and opportunities in entrepreneurship. Students will meet with and learn from successful entrepreneurs about their lives and work as entrepreneurs. The course will focus on the skills and tactics necessary to succeed in various entrepreneurial settings, and discuss how students can apply these skills to their personal and professional passions and interests. By collaborating with like-minded peers and award winning faculty, students will learn what it takes to turn "possibilities" into "probabilities". Credit/no credit only.

ESP 102. Startup Bootcamp: Inception to Prototype. (1)
This course immerses students in the methods and practices of starting a business. In a fast-paced environment, for the duration of one weekend, students learn how to build companies, teams and insight. Over the course of the weekend, students will present ideas, form teams, and create a business model canvas. They will pitch their business concepts to real investors and practitioners, who will provide mentorship, coaching and feedback. The course is designed to integrate decision making, critical thinking, problem solving, and leadership skills in an environment similar to that of the startup business world. The course will provide an understanding of the tools necessary to succeed in any business venture.

ESP 103. Creativity, Innovation and Entrepreneurial Thinking. (2)
This course prepares students to understand and address two pressing issues in business today: how to recognize and create new business opportunities and how to think more creatively within business environments. Students will be introduced to a number of tools, concepts and approaches including human-centered design, ideation techniques, the importance of embracing ambiguity, personal responsibility and the place of risk and fail in entrepreneurship, creativity and life. The class is highly interactive and experiential.
Co-requisites: BUS 101, BUS 102, and BUS 104.

ESP 130. Special Topics and Student Projects I. (1-3)
Introductory level course focused on a special topic and/or interdisciplinary student project.
Cross-listed with CEC.

ESP 177. Independent Studies. (0-5)

ESP 201. Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Business Models. (3)
Topics include requirements and challenges of successful entrepreneurship, characteristics of successful entrepreneurs, the life cycle stages of a business, careers and opportunities for entrepreneurship. Pre-/Co-requisite: ESP 101.

ESP 230. Special Topics and Student Projects II. (1-3)
Fundamental activities in the research and implementation of a special topic and/or interdisciplinary student project.
Prerequisite: permission of instructor.
Cross-listed with CEC.

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ESP 351. Creativity in Entrepreneurship. (3)
This course will explore the application of creative thinking in addressing business opportunities and problems, especially within an entrepreneurial context. The course takes a systematic approach to creating, evaluating, refining and selling breakthrough ideas. Students will be exposed to a number of techniques, concepts and methods useful in managing the creative process in individual and group contexts with emphasis on accountability for creative quality. Class is highly interactive and experiential. This is the first of three courses as part of the Creativity Track within the Entrepreneurship Curriculum.

ESP 377. Independent Studies. (0-5)

ESP 399A. Women in Entrepreneurship Program. (3)
A workshop that explores women's entrepreneurial possibilities and provides tools to prototype and re-frame alternative visions for their future. Students will travel to an array of female ventures in Cincinnati and San Francisco to meet with female business executives, entrepreneurs, and consultants who have paved the way for Women in Entrepreneurship.

This course examines the venture creation process within a startup ecosystem. ESP 401/ESP 501 explores a variety of issues surrounding new venture creation, including how to recognize and assess an opportunity, the process and steps in starting a new venture, the financials of the new business, determining and acquiring resource needs, marketing requirements, deal structure and exit strategy, technology issues, legal and ethical issues and creating a written business plan in support of the new venture. Small teams are formed to work on a new business venture, which is presented in an oral presentation and written business model.

ESP 444. Entrepreneurship: Venture Capital Immersion. (3)
The Venture Capital Immersion course is designed to provide you with a realistic understanding of the methods and approaches used by institutional investors to evaluate new businesses (startups) and high growth companies and to develop and negotiate investment terms.

ESP 461. Entrepreneurial Consulting. (3) (MPC)
Student teams apply a problem-solving methodology by consulting with selected entrepreneurial organizations that have requested assistance. Each selected company will have a wide range of entrepreneurial challenges crossing the fields of finance, marketing, accounting, production, human resources, information systems, strategic and tactical planning, growth or down-sizing problems, procurement issues, inventory control, quality control and forecasting. Through this consulting experience, students learn to integrate and apply their business knowledge to “real-world” settings and to test their analytical skills by solving complex entrepreneurial business problems.

ESP 477. Independent Studies. (0-5)

ESP 481. Technology, Products & Ventures. (3)
An interdisciplinary perspective on the interfaces between new product development, innovation, and technology. Examines product development capability as an essential element of successful business strategy and a key component of an “entrepreneurial mindset.” Students develop a working prototype for a new product and a comprehensive new product plan.

ESP 490. Special Topics in Entrepreneurship. (1-3; maximum 6)
Issue oriented seminar for juniors or seniors focusing on a contemporary topic related to the rewards, requirements and challenges associated with entrepreneurship in different environments.

ESP 670. Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Business Models in the Field of Aging. (3)
Introduction to Entrepreneurship will explore entrepreneurship, its importance to our society, and its role in bringing new ideas to the market both product-based ideas and service-based ideas. Prerequisites: GTY 610 and enrolled in Gerontology Certificate program.

ESP 677. Independent Studies. (0-5)